



CITY NEWS

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October 2021

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Delaware City Directory

Police Department
(302) 836-6344

Delaware City Fire Hall
(302) 834-9336

Post Office
(302) 834-4716

Library
(302) 834-4148

Fire Hall Rental
(302) 392-1783

Park Building Rental
(302) 834-0662

GET INVOLVED

The City currently needs to fill Vacancies on:

Planning Commission (2)
Board of Adjustment (2)

Contact Town Hall if Interested.

FAMILY FUN WALK 5K

FOUNDED 1826

Food Music
Fire Truck Display

Kid Zone
Raffles
Police Car Display

October 23, 2021

\$25.00 Per Walker

Open to Everyone

10:00am - 2:00pm

Delaware Community Center

Register Online:
runsignup.com

(Delaware City Family Fun Walk 5k)

DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY

October is Fire Prevention Month.

When changing the time to go back to Standard Time also remember to change the batteries in your home Smoke Detectors.



10/21 will be our monthly sub sale.

10/28 will be having a fundraiser at Crabby Dick's in Delaware City. The flyer will need to be presented for us to receive a portion of the proceeds.

DELAWARE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

From your Delaware City Police Department

Be alert and slow down when driving in neighborhoods with school zones.

Watch for children walking, playing or assembling near bus stops. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.

Obey the school bus laws in your State, as well as the flashing light signal systems used on school buses.

Flashing yellow lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.

Flashing red lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again

Tips for Caregivers and Students:

Arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Stand at least three giant steps (6 feet) away from the curb. The bus stop is not a place to run or play.

When the school bus arrives, wait until the bus comes to a complete stop, the door opens, and the driver says it is okay before approaching the bus door. Use the handrails to avoid falling.

Never walk behind a school bus. Walk on a sidewalk or along the side of the street. Cross the street in front of the bus with at least five giant steps (10 feet) between the front of the bus and you. Make eye contact with the bus driver before crossing to

TIPS: GETTING DARK EARLIER

From your Delaware City Police Department

Autumn has arrived and with it are longer and darker evenings. Soon it will be dark when school finishes and, while this is nothing to worry about, there are safety measures that all parents and childminders should follow. Here are 10 tips to keep your kids safe during the dark evenings:

Walking home

Stay on the phone -Staying on the phone to a parent, friend or sibling is a good way for a child to stay safe when they are walking home from school or after-school activities. This way someone will know where they are at all times. If your child is aware of someone approaching they can say "I'm at," name the location, "and will be home in two minutes."

Walk in groups -Walking in groups of two or more is a great way to stay safe. Talk to other parents and neighbors to find out who your child can walk home with. This way, if a child falls and grazes its knee, for example, they will have friends to help them home.

Know the area -Your son or daughter should only walk well-trodden routes that are firmly ingrained in their minds. It is a route they should have walked many times with parents or childminders before setting out on their own. Their route should only go through well-lit areas, where possible. Ideally, it will be a busy route with lots of people around. Of course, this is not possible in all suburban areas, so make sure your child knows to stick to the path you have decided together.

No headphones-Instruct your child not to wear headphones on their walk home. With their hearing unencumbered they will better hear approaching traffic, bicycles and pedestrians. Their road safety awareness will also be better if they are not distracted by music or podcasts.

Reflective gear - Invest in illuminating/reflective wearables for your child. Wrist bands, ankle bands and strips on their schoolbags are effective ways of ensuring your child is visible in the dark.

Have an emergency plan - Make sure your children know what to do in an emergency. Save the emergency response numbers in their phone and tell them who to call if they witness an accident or find themselves in a dangerous situation.

TEFAP FOOD PROGRAM—SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

TeFap Food Program will now be held the Second Thursday of every Month, 12 Noon until 3:00 PM, at the Delaware City Community Center, For Residents of Delaware City, Port Penn and St. Georges. If you receive Food Stamps/ EBT and are Low Income you may qualify for this program. Go to www.delawarecity.delaware.gov for more information.



SENIOR CENTER

You "Autumn" join us at the Senior Center
Delaware City Library
Monday & Tuesday
10:00 am - 1:00 pm



FALL WORD SEARCH

Look for the words listed below.

S	U	N	F	L	O	W	E	R	
U	F	B	A	E	I	P	L	S	
N	A	C	C	A	C	N	A	O	
Y	L	N	O	F	I	A	C	U	
Z	L	W	R	K	D	Y	O	P	
O	E	N	P	O	E	Y	R	F	
C	A	M	B	E	R	A	N	U	
K	U	W	A	V	E	L	C	N	
P	K	N	E	A	P	P	L	E	

Sunflower	Apple	Fun	Fall
Cider	Leaf	Acorn	Soup
Play	Pumpkin	Sun	Cozy

MEETINGS

Mayor & Council:

Monday, October 18th at 6:30* p.m.
Delaware City Fire Company

Monday, November 15th at 6:30* p.m.
Delaware City Fire Company

Monday, December 20th at 6:30* p.m.
Delaware City Fire Company

Planning Commission:

Monday, November 1st at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Delaware City Community Center

Historic Preservation Commission:

Tuesday, November 2nd at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 7th at 7 p.m.

Delaware City Community Center



**in the event a Public Hearing is scheduled on the agenda,
Mayor & Council Meeting will begin at 6 p.m.*

If you wish to be on the Planning Commission's or Historic Preservation Commission's agenda, please contact Town Hall at least ten (10) days before the meeting date. 302 834-4573

Agendas for all meetings are posted at Town Hall, Post Office, Sunset Market, Valero Station and Library & www.delawarecity.delaware.gov

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH



St. Paul Catholic Church is here through our Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help all our neighbors during their difficult times. Please telephone the church at (302) 376-8769 leaving your name, address, and phone number on the answering machine. Someone will call you back.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Soup / Arts & Crafts Sale
Saturday, November 6, 2021
9:00 am to 1:30 pm
First Presbyterian Church—138 Jefferson Street



EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- Annual Cookie Sale—Saturday, December 11, 2021 from 9:00– Noon.
- Soup Sale— will take place in February.
- Thanksgiving Meals for Shut–Ins will be delivered on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

TRASH, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE

THE BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING PICK-UP WILL CONTINUE TO BE PICKED UP ON MONDAYS
THE SCHEDULE FOR 2021 IS AS FOLLOWS:



JANUARY	4, 18
FEBRUARY	1, 15
MARCH	1, 15, 29
APRIL	12, 26
MAY	10, 24
JUNE	7, 21
JULY	5, 19
AUGUST	2, 16, 30
SEPTEMBER	13, 27
OCTOBER	11, 25
NOVEMBER	8, 22

Acceptable Recyclable Items

Paper - Newspapers, magazines, catalogues, office paper, phone books, cardboard, (cereal boxes) mail (including junk mail), all paperboard
Containers - Aluminum beverage cans, steel food cans (rinsed), empty aerosol cans, all glass (food and beverage containers only), plastic bottles and jugs
***HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
If the holiday falls on your scheduled pick up day, ALL SERVICES will be picked up on the following day. All remaining pick ups for that week will be a day late.
If the holiday falls on Saturday or Sunday, there will be no delays.***

Yard Waste Recycling collection is also on Mondays and is done by The Cutting Edge. Please do not put yard waste in the trash cart. The City will collect for free: grass clippings, shrubs and tree trimmings. **A fee will be charged for quantities measuring more than 4'x3'x8'**. Please make sure your branches and shrubs are bundled so a man can pick it up. If your yard waste material is excessive, you will need to contact someone to remove it privately. Leaves will be vacuumed from October through December on Mondays. If the amount of leaves are too many for a 1 day pickup, the leaf collection may continue throughout the week

Trash collection is once per week on Mondays. Delaware City contracts for trash collection with a private company, currently GFL. Each property is issued a 96-gallon cart. All garbage must be bagged and must fit in (or on) the cart. Large quantities that don't fit in the cart or large items such as furniture and appliances are subject to a Bulk Item Price Sheet, Contact Waste Industries directly at (302) 378-5400 to arrange for a large item pick-up.



Please remember to bring your Trash and Recycling Cans back to their proper storage locations after Monday's Pick up!

FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

Delaware City is vulnerable to coastal storms and flooding. A significant percentage of the town is located within the FEMA defined 1% chance flood plain. These areas are noted as Zone AE on the FEMA flood map and are particularly susceptible to flooding.

Flash-flooding is the general type of flooding caused by the Canal. For Delaware City, flooding will occur if there is a storm surge or if two or more high tides take place without an intervening ebb tide.

Information on whether your property is in the AE (1% chance) floodplain can be obtained by coming into Town Hall and we can help you. Maps are available to look at as well as other flood-related information. You can contact Town Hall at (302) 834-4573 for further assistance. You can also visit our website at www.delawarecity.delaware.gov and click on the Floodplain link.

FLOOD SAFETY

The following common sense guidelines can help you from the dangers of flooding:

- **Do not drive through a flooded area.** More people drown in cars than any where else. Do not drive around barriers.
- **Do not walk through flowing water.** Currents can be deceptive. Six inches of water can knock you off your feet.
- **Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.** If your house is about to be flooded, turn off the power at the service box. Electrical current can travel through water. Electrocutation is the 2nd leading cause of death during floods.
- **Be alert to gas leaks.** Turn off the gas to your house before it floods. If you smell gas, report it to your gas company. Do not use candles, lanterns or open flames if you smell gas or are unsure if your gas has been shut off.
- **Keep children away from the flood waters, ditches, culverts and storm drains.** Flood waters can carry unimaginable items that have dislodged themselves.

Culverts may suck smaller people into them rendering them helpless.

- **Clean everything that has been wet.** Flood water will be contaminated with sewage and other chemicals which pose severe health threats.
- **Look out for animals, especially snakes.** Small animals that have been flooded out of their home may seek shelter in yours.
- **Do not use gas engines, such as generators, or charcoal fires indoors during power outages.** Carbon monoxide exhaust can pose serious health hazards.

PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES

If your property is susceptible to flooding, there are many flood damage reduction measures you can employ.

- Watertight seals can be applied to brick and block walls to protect against low-level flooding.
- Utilities such as heating and air conditioning systems, water heaters and other major appliances can be elevated to higher floors in the structure or on raised platforms.
- Temporary measures such as moving furniture and other valuables to higher floors or sandbagging exterior openings will also help.
- Elevating or relocating the entire structure may also be a feasible option.

DELAWARE CITY FLOOD INFORMATION

FLOODPLAIN PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

All development within the AE floodplain (1% chance) (not just construction of buildings, but filling, excavation, fences, etc.) is required to obtain a Delaware City Building and Floodplain Permit. Applications must be made prior to doing any work in a floodplain area. Please contact Town Hall to receive all the information you will need in order to properly develop in the floodplain at (302) 834-4573. You may report any illegal development activities to the above number as well.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT/DAMAGE

The NFIP requires that if the cost of improvements to a building or the cost to repair damages (from any cause) to a building exceeds 50% of the market value of the building (excluding land value), the entire building must be brought up to current floodplain management standards. Building improvement projects include exterior and interior remodeling, rehabilitation, additions and repairs and reconstruction projects. Please contact Town Hall at (302) 834-4573 for further information.

FLOOD INSURANCE

If you do not have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. Flood insurance is only available to those participating communities in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Because of our floodplain management programs that attempt to protect us from the multiple flooding hazards, Delaware City is part of the NFIP and thus, residents are able to obtain flood insurance. Additionally, because Delaware City participates in FEMA's CRS program, flood insurance premiums are discounted.

Be sure to check your policy to ensure you have adequate coverage. Usually these policies cover the building structure, but not the contents. Contents coverage can also be obtained by asking. There is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance coverage becomes effective. Plan ahead; do not wait until a flood is predicted before purchasing flood insurance. If you are building inside the floodplain, the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory if using a federally regulated/insured bank for a loan.

NATURAL & BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS

Floodplains play a valuable role in providing natural and beneficial functions to the area around, and including, Delaware City. Floodplains that are relatively undisturbed provide a wide range of benefits to both human and natural systems. These benefits provide aesthetic pleasure as well as function to provide active processes such as filtering nutrients. Parts of both the Old Canal and Dragon Run floodplain are used as a means to filter farm chemical run-off so that these areas can maintain bio-diversity and ecosystem sustainability. Both floodplains contain historic and archeological sites that provide opportunity for education and study. Both enhance waterfowl, fish and other wildlife habitats and provide

feeding/breeding grounds. And lastly, both floodplains provide natural erosion control and open space so further flooding damage does not occur.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

As simple as it may sound, simply keeping smaller ditches and streams free of debris can dramatically improve the run-off capacity of low-lying areas, as well as greatly reduce the occurrence blockage that significantly contributes to flooding. It is illegal to dump materials into a required waterway and violators may be fined. If you see someone in the act of dumping or see debris in one of our watercourses, please contact Town Hall at (302) 834-4573.

FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

Many times, flooding along the Old Canal and Dragon Run within Delaware City can be predicted days in advance, giving ample warning for preparation and evacuation. However, in the event of a flash flood due to a large rain event, you may be the first to notice the oncoming situation and have only hours to execute your plan. If you have already done so, sign up for CODE RED to receive an automated phone call or text message, your choice. You can sign up for the CODE RED program at <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/BF93467E3FC5> follow the instructions.

Notify the Police Department at 302-836-6344/Fire Department at 302-834-9336 if you are in need of help. Tune your radio to WFLD - 88.1 FM for local and National Weather Service Updates. You will also see regular interruption on local radio and television stations advising you of the situation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you should require further or more detailed information regarding flood-related issues in Delaware City, here are some additional sources:

- FEMA.gov
- FloodSmart.gov
- Delaware City Town Hall (302) 834-4573
407 Clinton Street
Delaware City, DE 19706
- Floodplain on the City's website www.delawarecity.delaware.gov by a link on our Home Page or under Community/Public Service.
- Delaware City Public Library

ELEVATION CERTIFICATE

Delaware City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Properties in the AE flood plain are subject to regulation under the Delaware City Flood Plain Ordinance (Chapter 48 of the City Code), which meets FEMA requirements for the NFIP. These regulations are designed to save lives and reduce property losses when flooding occurs. Without access to the NFIP, property owners would find flood insurance to be prohibitively expensive, if available at all. Special rules apply for development in the flood plain, including minimum floor elevation and hydrostatic venting of foundations. A FEMA elevation certificate is required for all new construction and "significant improvements" in the flood zone. In addition, no filling or grading may take place within the flood plain without a permit from the City. You can come to Town Hall, 407 Clinton Street, to get an Elevation Certificate application and instructions on how to fill it out or you can visit www.delawarecity.delaware.gov or www.fema.gov. Any resident in need of a copy of the elevation certificate for flood insurance for their residence can check with Town Hall to see if there is one on file prior to contacting an engineer or surveyor.



NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021 9:00 am - 12:00 pm DELAWARE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

DRAGON RUN PARK

- **Trunk or Treat - Saturday, October 30th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm - this event is for children 12 years of age and under**
- **Lunch with Santa - Sunday, December 12th from 12:00pm to 3:00pm - this event is for children 12 years of age and under**

To join our Facebook page, scan this code

Email us at Dragon.run.park@gmail.com



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Town Hall 2021 Holiday Schedule– Closed

Veteran’s Day
Thanksgiving
Day After Thanksgiving
Christmas
New Year’s

Thursday – November 11, 2021
Thursday – November 25, 2021
Friday – November 26, 2021
Friday – December 24, 2021
Friday – December 31, 2021

